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Janine Pettit,
Girl Camper

GET CRAFTY ON THE ROAD



There's something about being away from the responsibilities of home that allows you to really relax and enjoy crafting without any guilt.

HER TOP TIPS FOR CREATING ON THE FLY:

- Plan on manageable, completable projects, like knitting and needlepoint
- A watercolor journal is a portable way to creatively capture your memories
- Create things to display in your RV: quilts, pillows, tea towels, embroidery

TAKE A ROAD TRIP THROUGH THE ISSUE FOR MORE TIPS!

EXIT 1

Brake for DIYs with regional pride in *The Check List*.

Jenn Nims,
Newschool Nomads

GO FORTH AND DECORATE



Just like you do with your home, you can make your RV reflect your personal style.

HER STYLE-SAVVY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Paint the interior of your RV a light color base with pops of bright color throughout
- Replace furniture with your own, like a couch—just be sure about dimensions and weight!
- Combine form and function in double-duty décor, like pretty hooks
- Make smaller changes that can have a big impact: throw pillows, plants, curtains, flooring, lighting, etc.

EXIT 2

Live stylishly with less in *Small of Fame*.

Tia Sims,
Soulful RV Family

MAKE YOUR RV A PET PROJECT



Bringing your beloved four-legged family member along on your RV adventures can add another layer of fun and enjoyment.

THEIR BEST ADVICE FOR TRAVELING WITH A FURRY FRIEND:

- Do a mini "test" trip with your pet closer to home to identify any potential issues
- Bring your pet's regular bed and food bowl as comforting constants
- Research any areas you will be staying in to locate nearby dog parks
- Bring documentation of pet vaccinations and health records in case RV parks require them

EXIT 3

Prepare furry friends for road-trippin' in *Life With Pets*.

Monica Bennett,
Just 5 More Minutes

GET COOKING!



Meal-making is less rushed when you're on the road, so you can really enjoy the process of cooking.

THE LESSONS SHE'S LEARNED ALONG THE WAY:

- All you need are three sizes of cast iron skillets... they go from stove top to oven to campfire, and they're easy to clean
- Plan meals before you go so you won't waste valuable fridge space
- Have fun discovering and incorporating new foods and specialties that you find in local markets
- Take along some frozen options for backup snacks and meals

EXIT 4

Fill up on easy recipes in *Blue Ribbon Kitchen*.

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See who's representing your state, and then send us your favorite room at homes@countryliving.com for potential inclusion in 2018!

ON THE COVER

Reader Leslie Rylee's breezy blue porch in Prouts Neck, Maine, has us wanting to drop by for a glass of iced tea and some leisurely banter. Photograph by John Gruen; styling by Karin Lidbeck-Brent.

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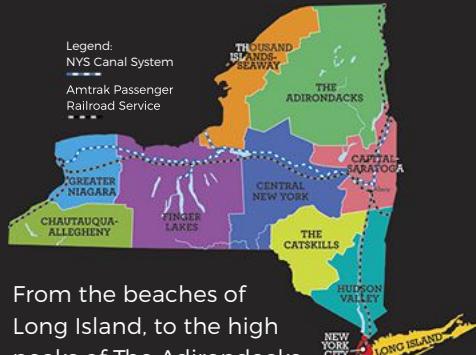
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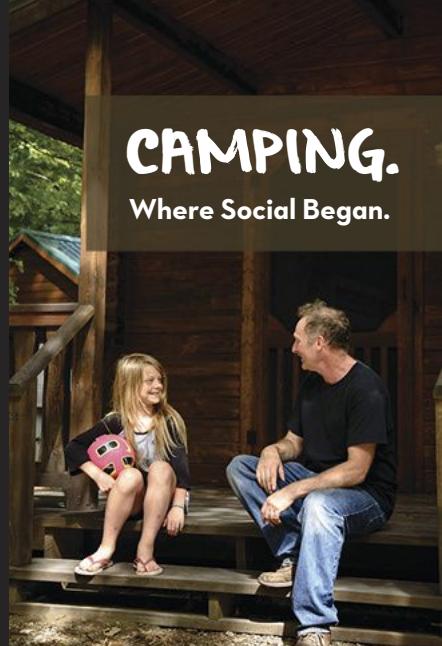


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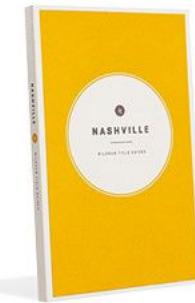
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MEET THE READER
Jackie Greaney
Kennebunkport, ME
Here, the New England native and frequent traveler takes in the wildflowers during a spring road trip to Texas.

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VISIT

Gruene, Texas

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Wild for...
Red & White

This iconic country color combo—seen on everything from baker's twine to enamelware—is having a moment. (Just add blue for a patriotic palette!)

1 Graphic Backsplash

Take a cue from other red-and-white kitchen staples (spatterware, grain sacks, gingham everything) and try the country combo above a stove. \$6-\$7 each; cementtileshop.com



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These summery selections pair particularly well with ocean blues.

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2-3 WHIMSICAL WHEELS

Pair a retro beach cruiser with a wicker basket for optimal farmers' market flair.

Bike, \$395; schwinnbikes.com; basket, \$52; bikebelle.com



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9 Patterned Bedding

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RED-RIMMED DISHWARE

Accent these versatile plates with blues for patriotic holidays, oranges come fall, and greens in December.

From \$6 to \$36; themaryn.com



Linen Napkins \$15 each; shop-foglinen.com

14-17 KITCHEN AIDS

These cherry-picked finds will sweeten up the sour of chores.



Pocketed Apron
\$40; odette.williams.com



Stoneware Pie Dish
\$20; katespade.com
Baker's Twine \$4; orientaltrading.com



10 STRIPED OTTOMAN

Offset a traditional white armchair with a funky footrest. \$456; bunakara.com

One red leg
ups the quirk
factor!

11 Loomed Rug

Fire up an entry with a warm woven mat. \$42; shopfaiit.laforce.com



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NAVY!



12 PINWHEEL POUCH

Corral cosmetics in an easy-to-spot catchall. \$15; fringestudio.com

**18**

QUILTED WALLCOVERING

Create a warm welcome with this unique spin on an accent wall. \$200 for by 56" by 62" quilt; goldendaffodils.etsy.com

**19-24**

Fresh Fabrics

Step aside, blue and white. This combo is just as foolproof.

(From left) **French Ticking**, \$19/yd.; countrycurtains.com
Ticking Stripes, \$11/yd.; countrycurtains.com **Cobra Stripe No. 8**, \$132/yd.; philomelasweb.com **Paisley**, \$146/yd.; laurenliess.com
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Thrill of the Hunt

“My Favorite Collection”

Hoarding? Hardly! Here, *Country Living* readers (and devoted Instagram followers!) give us a sneak peek of their beautifully curated finds—proof there's always power in numbers.



Anna Boyer & Kate Wyman

New Orleans, LA

OCCUPATION: Co-owners of The Grove Street Press (grovestreetpress.com)

COLLECTION: Kitchen tins

COLLECTORS' COUNT: 40

ALL IN THE FAMILY: “When we moved to New Orleans to start our printing company, my mother—Kate's aunt—gifted us with her collection that she started when she lived in the Big Easy. They have been a great inspiration for our designs,” says Anna.

FREE GIFT WITH PURCHASE:

“The first tin we bought was a red one from McNess,” says Anna. “When we got home and opened it up, there was still coconut dessert mix inside!”



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Brandy Brown Seattle, WA

OCCUPATION: Creative Director at Marabou Design (maraboudesign.com)

COLLECTION: Postage stamps

COLLECTOR'S COUNT: 200

SEAL OF APPROVAL: "As a graphic designer, I'm drawn to the intricate detailing found on vintage stamps. They're tiny works of art."

PASS IT ON: "I've had many favorites over the years, like the 1969 botanical stamps featuring orchids and magnolias, but postage was created to be used, to connect people. There's no stamp I wouldn't part with for the right occasion, so my collection is always changing."



Blue & White China

@blueherondesigns

"I started collecting pieces in college. They're fresh and classic at the same time."



Travel Pennants

@jeannelyonsdavis

"I flag these down at antiques malls if I have a sentimental connection to the place!"



Wooden Spools

@rnkelli

"My favorites have family history, like the ones bought by my husband's late grandmother."



Button Cards

@partial2patina

"The packaging is special—makers added a measuring gauge to the back."



Switch Plates

@thehauntedlamp

"There's something magical about the way they turn a mundane, overlooked element into an accent."



Jenny Keller *Lake Stevens, WA*

OCCUPATION: Owner of Jenny Cookies (jennycookies.com)

COLLECTION: Cake plates

COLLECTOR'S COUNT: 510

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE:

"My collection is 10 years in the making. It takes time

to find these plates, but I love scouring flea markets, antiques stores, and estate sales almost as much as I enjoy using my pieces."

ICING ON THE CAKE: "The jadeites are my absolute favorite. My eyes are forever peeled for a jadeite hobnail one. Those are very, very hard to come by."

Sharon Phantha *Sacramento, CA*

OCCUPATION: Owner, vintage curator at The White Elephant Co. (thewhiteelephantco.com)

COLLECTION: Primitive baskets

COLLECTOR'S COUNT: 120

WORLDLY WARES: "My baskets are from every corner of the globe—the U.S., Laos, Japan, Brazil, Rwanda, and Madagascar, to name a few. Each region has a distinct style, but you'll also find many similarities. They were made using a skill found in almost every culture."

PRETTY & PRACTICAL:

"I'm drawn to the versatility and functionality of baskets. They can look beautiful on the wall, but in an instant, they become a fruit bowl, serving platter, or a vessel for cleaning rice."





David Hillegas

Birmingham, AL

OCCUPATION: Travel and still-life photographer (davidhillegas.com)

COLLECTION: Oil cans

COLLECTOR'S COUNT: 40

BLAST FROM THE PAST:

"You don't have too many functioning machines in need of a good oiling these days. My collection is a fun reminder of a different time."

THE NAME GAME: "My favorite pieces are the ones with an original label intact. I have a few that say 'Maytag.' I'm assuming they were used by repairmen making house calls back in the day."

Christina Gerstner

Lynchburg, VA

OCCUPATION: Owner of the vintage shop The White Pepper (thewhitepepper.etsy.com)

COLLECTION: USA samplers

COLLECTOR'S COUNT: 12

WINNING COMBINATION:

"I love them because they embody several of my passions—birds and flowers, maps, anything old. Whenever I can get all the things I love in one place, it makes me happy. Wall

space is pretty precious in my (very collected) home."

NOTICEABLY ABSENT: "Alaska and Hawaii are missing from almost every map in my collection, meaning they were made prior to 1959, when those territories officially acquired statehood."



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Game Boards @cherylwelthavintage

"They make for fun wall hangings. My favorite is the Scrabble for Juniors board."



Brass Animals @wiseapplevintage

"Vintage brass adds instant sparkle and glamour to a space."



Wax Seal Impressions @hscaldwell11

"They conjure the romance and mystery of the past."



Juice Glasses @jennie_loves

"I just love the detail and beauty that was put into each one."



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Small Talk

Mandi Gubler, of DIY site *VintageRevivals.com*, shares her tips for renovating an itty-bitty trailer.

Use Neutrals for Balance

"You see everything the second you walk in, so make sure it's not a giant rainbow-fest. Pick a couple of accent colors—I gravitate toward sherbet shades—and stick to neutrals for the rest."

Go Wild with DIYs

"Intricate design and expensive materials are more doable when you have less square footage. My husband and I hand-cut every single piece of wood for the floor in two days!"



Statement Stovetop

Mandi powder coated the stove with a bold melon paint, turning a practical appliance into a funky focal point. White cabinets and a high-gloss penny tile backsplash let the color really pop.



Dining Nook

Custom seats (diyupholsterysupply.com) and patterned walls (Glidden Spicy Banana Pepper plus a freehand motif applied with a Sharpie paint pen) add whimsy to this corner, which transitions into sleeping quarters.



Custom Mat

Mandi extends a warm welcome with an Instagram-friendly doormat.



Road-Proof Plants

To make sure greenery stays upright in transit, Mandi built a shelf with individual holes for potted plants.



Embrace Open Shelving

"I knocked out the cabinets and pantry to make the space feel bigger and airier. Plus, everything's easy to find."

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"As a rule, through WWII, the Navy made most of its own flags at various locations, including its Brooklyn and Boston Navy Yards and its then-headquarters of the Pacific Fleet, Mare Island, California," says antique flag expert Jeff Bridgman. Constructed of wool bunting with cotton muslin stars, flags like the one shown were flown at the stern or from a gaff or the yardarm of a Navy vessel. While the U.S. had more than 38 states at the time, the Navy continued to use 13 stars on its smaller flags to ensure their visibility—and the ship's American identity—on the open seas. The Navy no longer makes its own flags, but you can find their vintage 13-star examples, often designated with "Navy Yard NY" (along with dates between 1880 and 1912) stenciled along the hoist. Flags were unmarked prior to 1880. Fun fact: "Any American flag that has previously been official remains so according to the flag acts, so it is still perfectly acceptable to fly 13-star flags today by way of congressional law," says Jeff.



About Those State Flags...

These collectible picks offer a colorful look at local history.



Delaware

A coat of arms with corn, an ox, and a ship gives a nod to its varied heritage.



Ohio

An O signifies the state name and a buckeye on the only non-rectangular state flag.



Missouri

DAR member Mrs. Oliver created this design in her Cape Girardeau home.



Washington

It's the only flag with a green background and a depiction of a real person.



Hawaii

The Union Jack forms the canton while eight stripes represent each of the main islands.



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"I inherited this 7-inch plate. The back says 'Victoria Austria' with a crown between the words. What's its background?"

—C.B., SHERIDAN, CA

WHAT IT IS: Commemorative Plate

According to appraiser Bene Raia, your plate was made in Austria around the turn of the century (1890s to 1930s). "It has a gilt decorated wide-flow blue border and sports the image of the White House, which was applied as a transfer. Then it was likely hand-painted," she says. It's basically a decorative souvenir—something a tourist would have bought to remember a trip to D.C.—although a nice one that remains in good condition.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:
\$200



"We found this box in my grandfather's attic. He owned a country store. Do you think it came from there?"

—L.W., ST. CLAIR SHORES, MI

WHAT IT IS: Bread Crate

"What a great country store item!" says Heritage Auctions' Marsha Dixey. "This was probably a receptacle for the bread your grandfather received for his store." She says similar examples also came adorned with additional advertising slogans and sayings like "Baked Fresh Daily" on other panels. Even though yours is on the plain side, because of its good condition and age, she says it's worth some solid bread.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:
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These cards list a class from Perry #5, a one-room school in Jackson County, Iowa.

"Almost all branches of my family settled in Jackson County, Iowa, before the Civil War. We trace some of our ancestors to the people on these cards. Are they valuable?" —B.N., ALPINE, TX



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WHAT IT IS: School Cards

The 1800s equivalent to a yearbook, school cards were adorned with a photo of a teacher and the names of her pupils. "To be able to trace one's history with thoroughness is an amazing gift," says appraiser Bene Raia. "In this situation, the familial provenance is worth more than the monetary value." She adds that the value of the cards would increase greatly if a person of prominence or historical significance could be identified.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:
\$100



Worth the Trip!

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"I paid \$4 for this 5-inch piece. It's in pretty good condition and has rather unique lettering. When was it made?"

—J.R., RUSSELLVILLE, MO

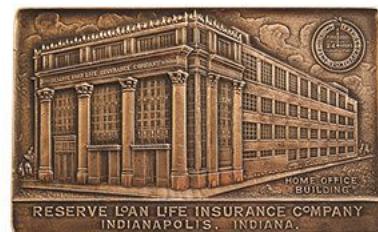


Canada is listed as "Dominion of Canada," and Hawaii is nowhere to be found.

WHAT IT IS: Metal Globe

Unfortunately, it's difficult to accurately date your sphere because there's no maker's mark, says Marsha Dixey of Heritage Auctions, but she thinks it's safe to say that it was made in the early 20th century, between 1920 and 1930. "A term like 'Dominion of Canada' is typical of that time because that was the more formal name for the country then," she says. "It's a little confusing that Hawaii isn't on the map, but perhaps it was reflecting the time when it was simply a U.S. territory."

WHAT IT'S WORTH:
\$15



"I found this Indianapolis paperweight in my father's old tool chest. Is it worth anything?"

—L.P., SALEM, NH

WHAT IT IS: Brass Paperweight

Appraiser Helaine Fendelman notes that your piece features the Reserve Loan Life Insurance Company, which is located at 429 Pennsylvania Street in Indianapolis. Built in 1924, the Classic Revival had Corinthian columns flanking the front door. "In 1990, the property was listed on the National Register of Historic Properties—three years after additional stories were added, and it was converted into condos," she says. Items like this appeal to banking, paperweight, and historic building collectors.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:
\$25



"My restored scale has a slight crack but still weighs accurately. What is its age and value?" —C.N., WEST CHESTER, OH

WHAT IT IS: Candy Scale

Henry Theobald purchased the DeVilbiss Computing Scale Company in 1900 and started Toledo Scale a year later, says appraiser Helaine Fendelman. "Grocers were delighted when they found these new scales could obtain exact measurements," she says. Previous spring tension scales could change with temperature and wear, while these pendulum scales did not. "If we knew the model number of your scale, we could accurately date it. There are websites that offer this information as well as replacement parts, but in restored condition, your scale has a sweet value!" says Helaine.

WHAT IT'S WORTH:
\$1,000



Animal House Life with Pets

This month's animal assortment includes impressive reader chicken coops and advice from our Country Vet.

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CL readers share their best hen pens—picket fences and all.



Kate & Tony Becker
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SPRING, TX



Q

I've had my duck for about a year or so, and I've just noticed black marks on his legs and bill. I'm not sure when exactly they showed up. Should I be worried?

E.J., Carl Junction, MO

A

Assuming the black spots aren't raised or scrapes or abrasions, they're likely normal skin pigmentation. That dark "discoloration" is always there but normally covered by yellow pigment caused by xanthophyll, which is found in many common feeds. As ducks begin laying eggs, they absorb the xanthophyll into their egg yolks. That means they have less yellow pigment to deposit on their legs and beak, thus revealing patches of underlying dark pigment. While it's probably all fine, I would recommend a visit to your duck-savvy vet to rule out a fungal infection.

Ask a Country Vet

Animal expert **DR. TRICIA EARLEY** answers questions about nervous pups, hungry horses, and ducks with curious coloring.

Q Our dog, Brady, is normally so quick to do his business at home, but during a road trip last year, he refused to go at highway rest areas. We ended up behind schedule. As we're heading out on the road again soon, is there anything we can do to speed things up?

K.N., Columbus, IN

A Think about it from Brady's point of view. If he's great about going in the comfort of his own backyard, but not so much at a rest stop, there's a

reason. Many dogs get a case of stage fright when they feel like they're on display. Try to find a quiet area away from people and passing traffic. Remember that his sense of smell is at least 40 times better than yours. His nose is under assault from billions of new smells, and he may want to explore those instead of taking care of the task at hand. Repeat familiar commands so that he remains focused. Finally, limit his exposure to a very small area so that he doesn't think he's there for a party instead of a potty.



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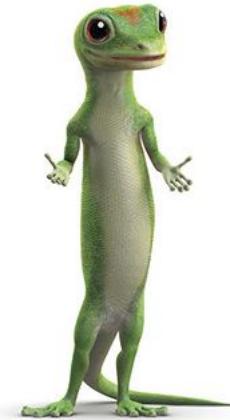


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THE FIELD GUIDE / LIFE WITH PETS



Q My six-month-old chihuahua, Petey, urinates when he gets excited—especially when he's meeting new people. Why does he do this? Is there anything I can do to help him calm down and stop this behavior? I'm afraid to take him anywhere. *S.D., Denver, CO*

A Nothing can be more frustrating or annoying than having to worry about a possible accident every single time you take your dog on an outing—no matter how patient and soothing you try to be. So what's going on here? Some dogs, particularly puppies, urinate involuntarily when they're excited, especially when greeting a new person. In most of these situations, dogs aren't even afraid—in fact they're typically happy and wagging their tails—but their enthusiasm gets the best of them, and they just can't seem to hold it. But other pups urinate when they feel nervous or intimidated, say, when they're being scolded or approached from above. This is referred to as "submissive urination." Dogs in the wild will often roll over and urinate as a show of submission to a pack leader—it's kind of like saying, "I know who's boss, and it's not me." So if you find that Petey is more terrified than hysterically happy, talk to your vet about getting training for resolution. But either way, never scold a dog for this behavior, as it's completely involuntary and not a break in house training, and harsh words only make it worse. Always avoid any type of body language that your dog may interpret as confrontational. In the short term, advise your guests to completely ignore him and avoid direct eye contact until Petey shows interest in initiating a greeting. When he's ready, ask them to get down to eye level for interaction, and offer to pet him from the side and not directly head on. Let interaction be your dog's idea, and let him take his own good time. As he gets older and builds more confidence, the problem will likely subside.



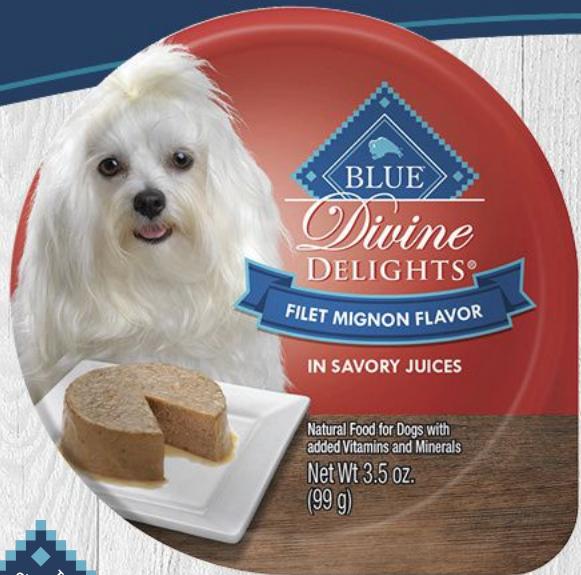
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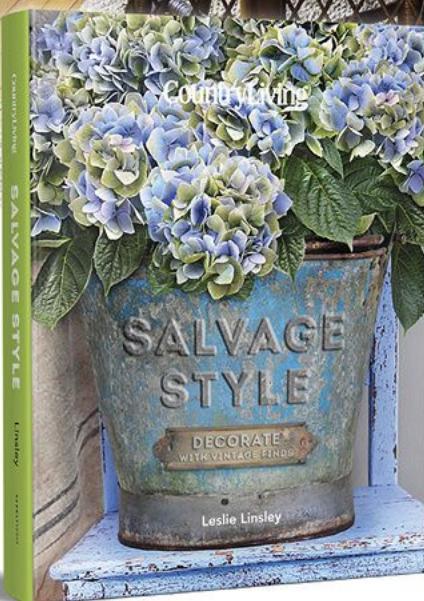


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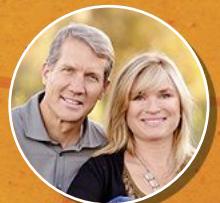
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COUNTRY

from coast to coast

Fifty states, one (country) state of mind! We traveled from sea to shining sea to find inspiring reader spaces all over the map. Here's beautiful proof that country style is more widespread than ever.

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MEET THE READER

**Kelley
Bentley Ash**

Horton, AL

Kelley, an artist, lives
in this newly built
farmhouse on nine rolling
acres with husband
Mark and their
three kids.





Alabama

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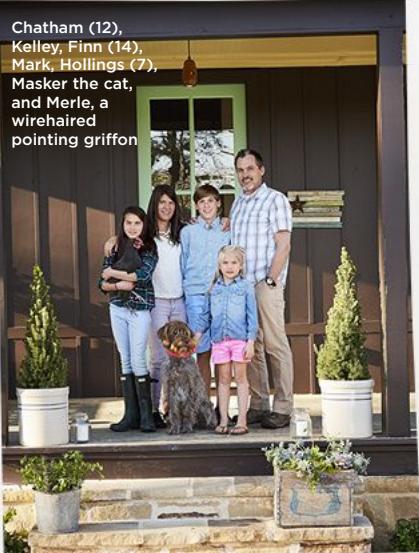
Kitchen

While plenty of country kitchens brim with sentimental hand-me-downs like recipe boxes and serving platters, it's rare that the *paneling* is a family heirloom. "My grandmother's childhood home was in disrepair," Kelley says, "so I dismantled the wood myself and used it here." Retro-inspired butter-yellow appliances (bigchill.com), knotty pine floors, and barn wood cabinets complete the space.



Kelley had to fight for the garage door (wayne-dalton.com) in the living room. "Mark likes very straightforward design, but I like the way it opens to the back porch and overlooks the pasture," she says.

Chatham (12), Kelley, Finn (14), Mark, Hollings (7), Masker the cat, and Merle, a wirehaired pointing griffon



THERE ARE DIYS, AND THEN THERE ARE DIYS.

The former may call for Elmer's glue or a can of milk paint. The latter calls for serious roll-up-your-sleeves labor—as in digging posts and nailing floors by hand, like *Country Living* reader Kelley Bentley Ash did with her 1,750-square-foot home on nine rolling acres in Northern Alabama. Of course, the hard work was nothing new to the mother of three, who, in addition to hammering a whopping 3,000 nails in the name of building a dream home, is a folk artist (*Sweet Gravy Studio*; chickenmanart.com) and co-owner, alongside husband Mark, of an architectural design firm (*Hovel Design Studio*; 678-360-6432). Kelley's multitasking mentality also came in handy when it came to cutting costs. To craft most of the white paneling in the house, Kelley raided damaged shelving boards from Lowe's. "I'd ask for the 'call' boards—the ones they take off the showroom floor—and get them at really discounted prices," she says. "Some were bowed on the ends, but we'd just saw that part off." The couple worked room by room, and when the house was finally complete, Kelley incorporated a mix of antiques with finds from salvage sales and Craigslist. The only thing missing: cable. Says Kelley, "With three kids, two dogs, 20 chickens, two horses, a donkey, a cat, and a parrot, we don't have time for it!"

Dining Room

The laid-back, come-as-you-are eating area is anchored by a French pine table (anthropologie.com), a splurge from years ago. "I bit the bullet because I love the shades of coral," Kelley says. Five ladder-back chairs, bought for \$10 apiece and revived with glossy blue paint, add another pop of color, as do the mint-green barn door and the primitive green hutch, a lucky find at a hair salon's going-out-of-business sale. Kelley found the burlap sack-covered light fixture on one of her many treasure hunts.



Bud Green
Benjamin Moore

Kelley says the wood-burning stove (jotul.com) is the "jewel of the house. Not only does it provide warmth—I can cook on it, too!"



Kelley and Mark designed a recessed bunk, which frees up floor space, for their daughter Hollings.

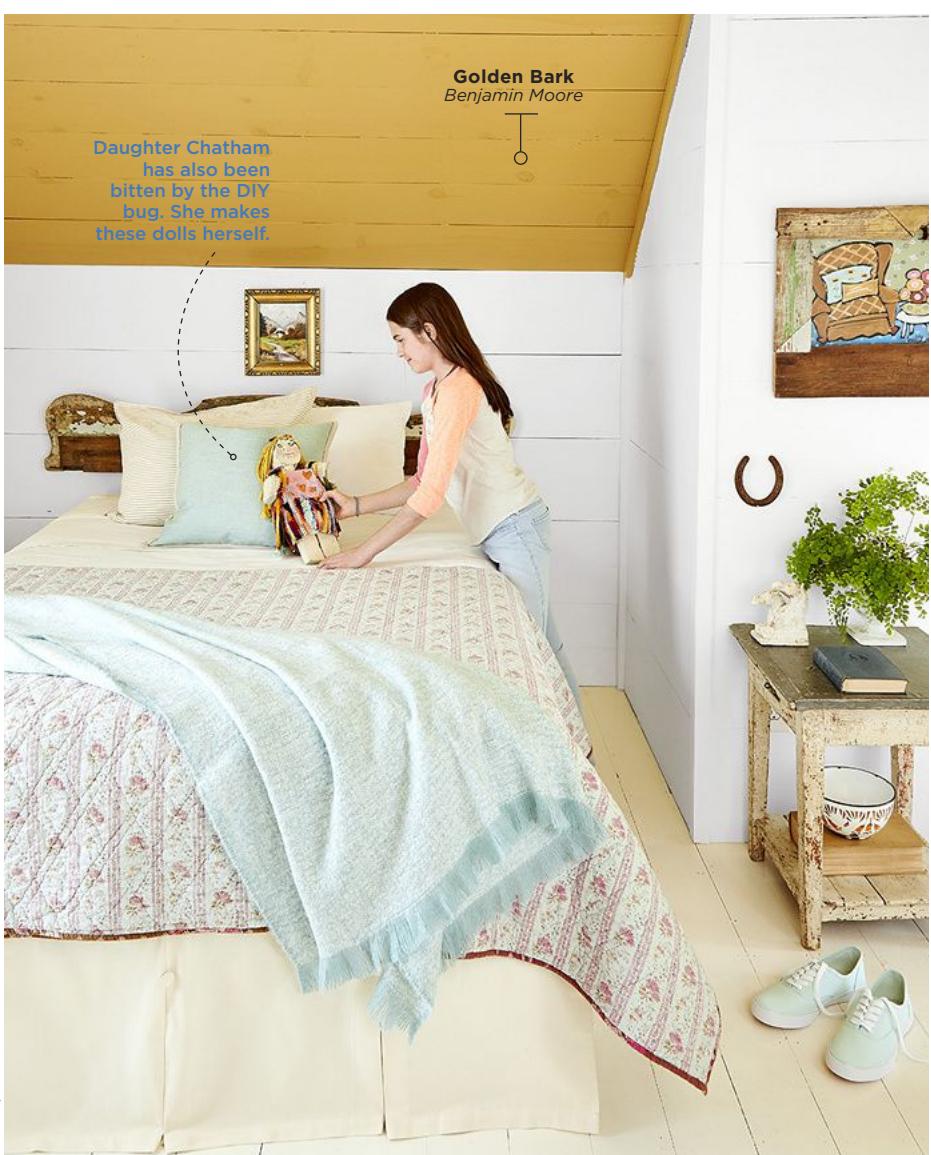


The zinc sink (cityfarmhousefranklin.com) was one of Kelley's first purchases for the home. "You can tell it's French because there's only one basin. American versions have a double-sink design," she says.



Kids' Rooms

The Ashes made sure that all three children—Hollings, Chatham, and Finn—had spaces to call their own. Finn's room (left) is a treasure trove of thrifty finds, including a railroad crate headboard and mallard paint-by-numbers. Chatham's space (below) is a study in contrast, thanks to dueling paint colors. The same warm gold appears in Hollings' room (far left), to frame her unique bed and highlight the ceiling.



Back Porch

One of Kelley's folk art paintings overlooks this picturesque porch—a frequent hangout for Miss Mary Mack (far right), who stylishly coordinates with the horse-adorned rug. A hodgepodge of weathered furniture rounds out the rustic space.

Black Bean Soup
Benjamin Moore

A professional painter for 14 years, Kelley has had two of her pieces appear on *The Walking Dead*.



UP NEXT:
Alaska



Alaska

LOCATION: Anchorage

MEET THE READER: Jennifer Landes

TRUE COLORS: "I wanted our guest room to be quirky. I never would have thought to hang a green moose on the wall or to buy a yellow bedspread, but the vibrant colors work, and it makes me happy whenever I go in there."



Arizona

LOCATION: Phoenix

MEET THE READER: Emily Johnstone

THE RIGHT MIX: "I love our kitchen. It's very sleek and modern, but it has wonderful barnwood accents—the island, in particular. I'd describe the space as clean and contemporary with a barnyard attitude!"

Arkansas

LOCATION: Little Rock

MEET THE READER:

Becka Freeling Webb

FRENCH CONNECTION: "I worked with my friend (and designer) Heather Chadduck Hillegas to design a kitchen that is cheery and open and beautiful but also functional. I especially love our French bistro chairs—they remind me of time I spent in France with my mother."





California

LOCATION: San Diego

MEET THE READER: Michelle Harriss

SITTING PRETTY: "My design motto for our Spanish revival is 'neutral, natural, light, and bright.' This room is a place I like to sit and drink my coffee or have a glass of wine. My favorite piece is the horse print above the fireplace [ktmerryprintshop.com]. Part of the proceeds benefits the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign."



Colorado

LOCATION: Fort Collins

MEET THE READER: Heather Widdison

HOMEMADE HEARTH: "The mountains, lake views, and Colorado life inspired the rustic touches in our home. My husband, Joe, helped design and build the hood in the kitchen. We used locally sourced barnwood for the trim. Our style is definitely modern, clean, and a little rustic."



Connecticut

LOCATION: Wilton

MEET THE READER: Jessica Skrinar

GUIDING LIGHT: "My husband, John, and I bought our 1850s farmhouse for two reasons: the secluded setting and the extraordinarily wide floor boards and beams in this room. We also love the chandelier—we can date it back to at least two previous owners. It presided over our house long before we arrived."



Delaware

LOCATION: Rehoboth Beach

MEET THE READER: Shawn Evans

GREAT ESCAPE: "Our two-story great room is such a wide-open space with clerestory windows that fill it with light. We wanted it to feel casual, so we focused on natural materials—reclaimed wood, natural fiber rugs, and linen-covered sofas. The custom 7-foot coffee table is wonderful for playing games as a large group."



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Georgia

LOCATION: Atlanta

MEET THE READER: Paula Joerling

FACTORY LIFE: "Tom and I live and work smack in the middle of downtown, on the second floor of a three-story commercial building that was constructed in the 1930s. Over the years, we've collected pieces that 'speak' to us, without worrying too much about style. Our favorite find is the coffee table, which we found at a scrap yard."



Hawaii

LOCATION: Kihei

MEET THE READER: Niko Preovolos

HANG LOOSE: "Our place is a 1950s beach bungalow that's been added onto and renovated through the years. We love it because it offers seamless indoor and outdoor living, and we've filled it with found objects from years of travel, local art, vintage pieces, and a mix of modern and traditional materials."



Idaho

LOCATION: Parma

MEET THE READER: Amber Koogler

OPEN-DOOR POLICY: "Our bedroom is small, so we kept it all white and used minimal wall decor. I love our headboard—we pulled two old doors out of a burn pile on my husband's family's farm when I was hugely pregnant. There was no way I was letting them be burned! The color is original, too."



Illinois

LOCATION: Naperville

MEET THE READER: Lindsay Wenger

ALL GROWN UP: "My oldest son, Landon, is six years old, and we love that this space captures his personality but will grow with him. We brought in navy because it runs throughout the rest of the house."



Indiana

LOCATION: Indianapolis

MEET THE READER: Kristy Sherman

WHERE THE BOYS ARE: "I like the functional coziness of our sons' room. Because we live in a 1928 Tudor, the rooms aren't spacious, but I wanted to give them a comfortable place. I love the 'wood panel' wallpaper [Scrapwood by Piet Hein Eek; thefutureperfect.com] and the huge photo of the boys playing basketball together."



Iowa

LOCATION: St. Charles

MEET THE READER: Trish Sullivan

ROCK OF AGES: "We fell in love with the natural color and beauty of the stone on the outside of our home, so we brought it inside, too. It became the driving force for all of our design and color choices. We have a large family, and our beautiful kitchen is always open."



Kansas

LOCATION: Wichita

MEET THE READER: Elizabeth Walton

SOLDIERS OF FORTUNE: "This Country French bedroom was designed for my grandchildren. It's filled with my favorite color, red. We found the antique hand-painted soldier prints while traveling, and I've become quite sentimental about them."



Louisiana

LOCATION: Stonewall

MEET THE READER: Becky Cunningham

PURE & SIMPLE: "My love for vintage items inspired the look of our cozy and comfortable family room. I like mixing textures—grainsack, wood, and metal. I bought the wood cubby at a barn sale. It's a great statement piece and the perfect place to display vintage Ironstone and French pots and jars."



Maine

LOCATION: Prouts Neck

MEET THE READER: Leslie Rylee

IN FULL SWING: "I love having all the windows wide open and hearing the ocean. I lie in the porch swing, reading, with one of my two (fat) Labs beside me. It's almost like a bed, and there is someone on it pretty much all the time. There's something about the slow movement of it that's soothing."



Maryland

LOCATION: Bethesda

MEET THE READER: Erica Burns

GOING GREEN: "This room is just off the kitchen, so we spend a lot of time here. I wanted it to be happy, so I gave it my favorite green and blue color combination. I love Kelly green, and the grasscloth on the walls gives it a depth that wouldn't have come across if we had just painted it. The plates are a mix of old and new."





Kentucky

LOCATION: Louisville

MEET THE READER:
Gretchen Black

MUSIC TO OUR EARS: "We live directly across from our town's amphitheater, so we love to have friends and family over in the summer to listen to concerts, all while enjoying the comforts of our porch. We wanted comfy chairs—I painted the rattan ones Waterscape by Sherwin-Williams—and dueling swing seating on either end."



Massachusetts

LOCATION: Essex

MEET THE READER: April Harb

CHILD'S PLAY: "Our daughter's bathroom is one of our favorite rooms in our Colonial farmhouse. The contrast of the deep blue paint with the white subway tile, the adorable animal prints, and the Kohler sink create a really fun setting for practical matters."



Michigan

LOCATION: Grand Rapids

MEET THE READER: Liz Marie Galvan

SAFE HAVEN: "In the midst of fixing up the rest of our 1800s farmhouse, the dining room has become a sanctuary. We sit here and kind of pretend the rest of the house is finished. I think the name of our farm, White Cottage, describes our style perfectly."



Minnesota

LOCATION: Wayzata

MEET THE READER: Becky Walser

LAKE LIFE: "Our lake cottage is almost 100 years old, and the spaces are small, so square footage is at a premium. Using vintage paddles as creative frames for the bunks saved space and added to the lake house feel."





MEET THE READER
Natalie Hamm
Denmark, MS
Natalie, husband Tim, and
their four kids (Luke
[not pictured], Brooks, Levi,
and Skylar) run a furniture
business just outside
of Oxford.



Mississippi

WORK OF HEART

Featuring handcrafted furniture (that porch swing!),
storied salvage (a dining table built from
church pews), sentimental art (painted by Mom),
and family heirlooms (Grandpa's American flag),
this new-build has soul to spare.

written by ELIZABETH JENKINS styling by HEATHER CHADDUCK HILLEGAS
photographs by BRIAN WOODCOCK



Entry & Living Room

Much of the Hamms' home is crafted from reclaimed items, starting with the salvaged front door and heart-pine floors extracted from an old industrial building. In the family room, the couple used old paving bricks to give the fireplace a been-around-forever feel. Neutral furnishings—a slip-covered sofa (stashhome.com), a pair of armchairs (jossandmain.com), and a coffee table Tim built with wood from a dilapidated church—allow Natalie's paintings to be the stars.

A tractor steering wheel provides the base of this DIY chandelier featuring wire, rope, and beads.



NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION, as they say, and for Natalie and Tim Hamm, it inspired a livelihood. The couple, who married as teenagers while Tim was studying at Ole Miss, didn't have a lot of disposable income for interior design pursuits. "We would go to yard sales, find furniture, and fix it up," says Natalie. Tim became so good at rehab that he decided to try his hand at building things from scratch. "People started asking to buy it, and that's when we decided we should start selling it," she says. Today, they manufacture custom wood furniture and swing beds—built by Tim, painted by Natalie—through their company, Hammmade Furniture (hammmadefurniture.com).

In November of 2014, the resourceful couple began construction on a self-described "primitive farmhouse" for their family of six—sons Luke, 13; Brooks, 11; and Levi, 10; and daughter Skylar, 5—on 70 acres of land outside Oxford, Mississippi. "We'd been designing our dream house since we were first married," says Natalie. After the shell of the house was complete, Tim, with the help of a plumber and an electrician, went to work realizing the couple's vision while working off sketches he drew each day. "We never even had official blueprints," says Natalie. Using salvaged materials wherever possible—rescued from old factories, churches, and dilapidated homes—the couple infused their 3,000-square-foot home with character that belies its age.

Studio

Natalie and the kids use the open space, once an attic, to paint, while Tim fulfills furniture orders at the computer. In addition to Natalie's acrylic-on-wood artwork and a kumquat wall mural inspired by summers spent at her grandparents' California orchard, the room is mostly furnished with found items (save for an Ikea pendant and an oversize scarf "throw" from Marshalls). "If people see furniture lying around, they'll call us," says Natalie. The chair, for example, was a roadside find that Natalie deconstructed and re-covered in drop cloth.



HOW SMART IS THIS?

To get the look of hardwoods in the attic, the homeowners painted subflooring white and scraped "gaps" in with a flathead screwdriver.

Food fight! With four kids it's only a matter of time before the popcorn starts flying, as it did during the photo shoot!



Back Porch

The family's favorite hangout offers spectacular views overlooking nearby Wolf Creek. Natalie sanded and refinished the old farm table, which is surrounded by kid-proof metal chairs (worldmarket.com). Rattan-shaded pendant lights add texture overhead, and string lights (lowes.com) up the ambience during family game nights. (Scattergories is a Hamm family favorite.)



Kitchen

When Natalie and Tim married, they started collecting vintage glasses and dishes in lieu of registering for traditional matching china. Now the collectibles are front and center thanks to glass-front cabinets that extend to the ceiling, which, says Natalie, "makes it feel more like an old farmhouse kitchen." A salvaged wood hood, custom-built by Tim, and a Turkish runner add warmth to the mostly white space.



Dining Room

Guests are invited to break bread—specifically, Mississippi-style drop biscuits—around a heart-pine table that Tim built out of church pews. Natalie found the chairs—a mix of old and new from antiques stores and Amazon—and spray-painted them all the same color (Copper Metallic by Rustoleum) for a more cohesive look. The wood chandelier is an eBay score. “We were going to sell it in our Hammade Furniture booth [at Sugar Magnolia Market in Oxford], but then we decided it would look great here,” says Natalie. Natalie’s abstract landscapes, featuring jade and emerald green hues, are inspired by her daily 15-minute drive into Oxford.



Alabaster
Sherwin-Williams

Hung from a longhorn, the American flag once flew on Luke's great-grandfather's porch.



Hale Navy
Benjamin Moore

The DIY tepee, a birthday gift for Skylar, is made from drop cloth, rope, and reclaimed wood.



The hand-woven blue-gray rug was a thoughtful gift from Tim's mother, who clearly passed down the DIY DNA.



Bedrooms

With the exception of Luke's red-and-blue bedroom, a nod to the nearby University of Mississippi, the sleeping quarters are blanketed in white. In Skylar's room upstairs (right), Natalie stenciled a wall to accent the distinct roof line. A stuffed pig from T.J.Maxx is an indoor-friendly substitute for the family's pet pig, Ruby. The master bedroom (far left) features a charcoal headboard, "inspired by an old door," says Natalie, and draperies made from 4' by 15' drop cloths. Brooks' and Levi's shared room has mismatched twin beds, state park prints (andersondesigngroupstore.com), and deer antlers found on adventures around the family's property.



“We’re always working on our home. It’s something we enjoy as a family—like a hobby. Hopefully, our kids see it that way, too.” —*Natalie Hamm*

HOW SMART IS THIS?

When Natalie’s favorite wallpaper was sold out online, she created her own stencils and painted a similar pattern with a custom gold paint.



UP NEXT:
Missouri



Missouri

LOCATION: Foristell

MEET THE READER: Ashley Broviak

INSTANT HEIRLOOM: "I gave our builder-grade ranch house a modern farmhouse look blended with flea market finds. The table was a wedding gift built by my father-in-law. I love anything handmade, but this piece is extra special because it will be passed down for generations."



Montana

LOCATION: Bozeman

MEET THE READER: Ruth Baumgartner

SHRINKING THE VIOLET: "Our house is an American Foursquare, which was popular from the 1890s to the 1930s. When we purchased it, the walls in the kitchen were purple, but we felt the house dictated a farmhouse look, so we decorated true to our minimalist-yet-cozy hearts."



Nebraska

LOCATION: Omaha

MEET THE READER: Craig Korth

FOUND OBJECTS: "My 1955 home is mid-century with rustic undertones. The pieces on the shelves are a time line of my life. My sofa is an original Danish piece—it was sitting unused in a friend's basement. The fabric is wearing thin, so I may be in therapy mourning its loss soon."



New Hampshire

LOCATION: Keene

MEET THE READER: Elizabeth Warren

BLUE-SEAT SPECIAL: "Our dining room has a great view of the meadow and mountain beyond. We found this amazing 10-foot walnut refectory table at a friend's antiques shop, and the chairs are my husband's grandmother's. The antique Oushak really pulled the space together."



New Jersey

LOCATION: Jersey City

MEET THE READERS: Joey Meyers and Mark Baehser

LET THERE BE LIGHT: "The kitchen in our turn-of-the-century Victorian was originally dark, so we added antique French doors to brighten it up. We struggled to find an island, but we found a table at an estate sale and used salvaged legs to build it up."



New Mexico

LOCATION: Santa Fe

MEET THE READER: Cara Handley

ROOTS AND WINGS: "Our home is Santa Fe adobe-style, and we wanted a room that would showcase our daughter's active and vibrant personality. The butterfly wallpaper [Papilio by Harlequin; harlequin.uk.com] adds the perfect playful touch."





Nevada

LOCATION: Las Vegas

MEET THE READER: Meghan Poort

FIXER-UPPER FEVER: "We've got a zoo—it's me, my husband, four kids, two dogs, one cat, and a hedgehog. My kitchen is a haven—I've always loved the timelessness of black and white. I saw a copper scalloped hood on *Fixer Upper*, and I told our designer that we had to have one, too."



New York

LOCATION: Tribeca

MEET THE READER: Frances Moorer

LITTLE BOY BLUE: "Our home is modern-meets-traditional, and we wanted a place that was playful for our son but also comfortable for us. We went with bold patterns and a strong mix of neutrals and blues. We ordered the tractor prints from Etsy [littleladyworks.etsy.com]."



North Carolina

LOCATION: Highlands

MEET THE READERS: Tom Hayes and Toby West

CABIN FEVER: "We call our style 'Southern Sophisticated Adirondack.' Our 1920s log cabin is nestled in the Appalachian Mountains, and we have company all the time. Our skirted dining table sits at the end of a long sitting area, close to our country kitchen, giving us a cozy area for entertaining."



North Dakota

LOCATION: Harwood

MEET THE READER: Maria Bosak

CLEAN LINES: "My husband, Tate, designed the bath, and I love that it reflects his personality. He wanted a place that our nephews could use when they came in from hunting in the woods. The reclaimed wood vanity was built by our friends at Grain Designs [graindesigns.com]."



Ohio

LOCATION: Spencer

MEET THE READER: Jennifer Polley

KITCHEN SOS: "Our home is a 1918 Montgomery Ward Dutch Colonial that sits in a village of 700 people. When the kitchen was renovated in the 1950s, the sink was taken out and put in the basement. We restored it and brought it back where it belongs. It's my favorite part of my home."



Oklahoma

LOCATION: Tulsa

MEET THE READER: Peggy Gaffke

OUTSIDE IN: "This porch is all about comfort and entertaining. It's cozy because of the natural elements. We really like this stone—this is actually the third house that we've used it in, and my husband is a wood lover, so he wanted the pine, which we used on the ceiling, walls, and mantel."



Oregon

LOCATION: Cannon Beach

MEET THE READER: Alex Wijnen-Hannon

LIFE'S A BEACH: "Because we're situated just a few blocks from the ocean, we wanted the light and airy look of a beach cottage. We achieved that by painting the walls a very light warm gray and giving all the trim a bright white coat of paint. For the flooring, we chose a laminate that's a sandy color."



Pennsylvania

LOCATION: Haverford

MEET THE READER: Kate Parkhill

HINTS OF THE PAST: "Our farmhouse was built in 1870 and has a lot of Victorian influences, so it was important to stay true to the time period. My kitchen even has one of the last authentic Dutch ovens in the area—the other one is in the historic Betsy Ross house!"



Rhode Island

LOCATION: East Greenwich

MEET THE READER: Samantha O'Neil

NAUTICAL BY NATURE: "We live in an 1890s Colonial on the coast, and this study was inspired by family heirlooms, including the ship, which was built by my husband's grandfather. The blue elements, such as the wallpaper [*Leaf in Aegean*; katieridder.com] and paint, reflect our love of the water."



South Carolina

LOCATION: Greenville

MEET THE READER: Amanda Louise Campbell

NOT-SO-MELLOW YELLOW: "Yellow is my favorite color, and the energy it brings is unmatched. I wanted to interject it in our 1970s townhome, and I found the perfect shade: Pineapple Mousse by Valspar. My other favorite thing about our kitchen is the open shelving wallpaper [Rifle Paper Co. for Hygge & West; hyggeandwest.com]. Pineapples are a symbol for hospitality, and this room is all about entertaining friends and family."



South Dakota

LOCATION: Sioux Falls

MEET THE READER: Janelle Carda

ALL IN THE MIX: "I use the term 'rustic glam' when describing my home. I like a little rough and a little fancy mixed together. This kitchen is at the center of everything we do. I especially love the glass cabinets that allow me to see the pieces handed down from my grandmothers."



Tennessee

LOCATION: Kingston Springs

MEET THE READER: Chrissy Frankum

BEST OF ALL WORLDS: "Our barn-style home is located on the beautiful Harpeth River, and we love the natural light and the amazing views. The old-fashioned bed in the loft represents the farm style perfectly."



Texas **FAMILY STYLE**

Two sisters joined forces to bring their father's drawings of a dream home to life—complete with string lights, backyard barbecues, and one not-so-secret swimming hole.

written by LAURA KOSTELNY styling by BECKI GRIFFIN photographs by BUFF STRICKLAND



MEET THE READER

**Lisa
Hilderbrand**
Austin, TX

Lisa, an interior designer, worked with her sister, Amy, to realize their father's vision for this beautiful ranch.

Exterior

There was never any question as to where the pool would go. "We knew all along that the house would open to a large pool and covered patio," says Lisa. Four pairs of big French doors allow floor-to-ceiling views of the action—and of spectacular Texas sunsets. Adirondack chairs (weirsfurniture.com) offer a relaxed spot to take it all in.



ROCKS RULED the 12 acres that reader Lisa Hilderbrand's parents, Claire and Dale Smith, purchased in southwest Austin 10 years ago. But her father was undaunted. "These huge, heavy boulders were everywhere, but Dad had an incredible vision for the land. He got a tractor, cleared the stones, and really shaped it," she says. That once-rocky terrain even inspired the ranch's name, Stepping Rock. "Babbo," as the grandkids called him, also had plans for a rotting warehouse at the top of a hill. "It had been built purely for storage and was completely unfinished with cement floors, one light, and a spigot for a hose," Lisa says. Sadly, her father passed away before he could renovate the space, so Lisa and her sister, Amy Lackey, decided to take on the project. Using the original plans their dad drew, Lisa worked on the design, while Amy managed the construction process. "It really was a family collaboration," Lisa says. Now the six-bedroom home offers plenty of room for the extended family to hang out under one roof. Most important, though, is that it's a dad's dream, realized. "My father would absolutely love it," says Lisa.

Kitchen

Because of the home's open concept, it was important for this space to multitask as both a serving area/buffet and an extension of the living room. The cabinets (and the smart appliance-concealing cabinet panels) are made from a custom white-washed oak. The Caesarstone countertops and backsplash (Organic White; rstoneworks.com), metal stools (overstock.com), and silver-leafed wrought-iron pendant lights (curreyco.dealers.com) make for a handsome trio. And the long-horn? Well, when in Texas...





Seapearl
Benjamin Moore

IN WITH
THE OLD

The mantel is
crafted from
wood found in
the property's
barn.



Living Room

A new stucco fireplace is the centerpiece of the large living area, which is further outfitted with what Lisa describes as "take-a-beating" materials: wood-plank laminate flooring (Pergo Max Premier; lowes.com), leather furniture (weirsfurniture.com), seagrass rugs, and a stone-and-steel coffee table (fourhands.com). "Things get dirty out here—we didn't want anything too precious," says Lisa.

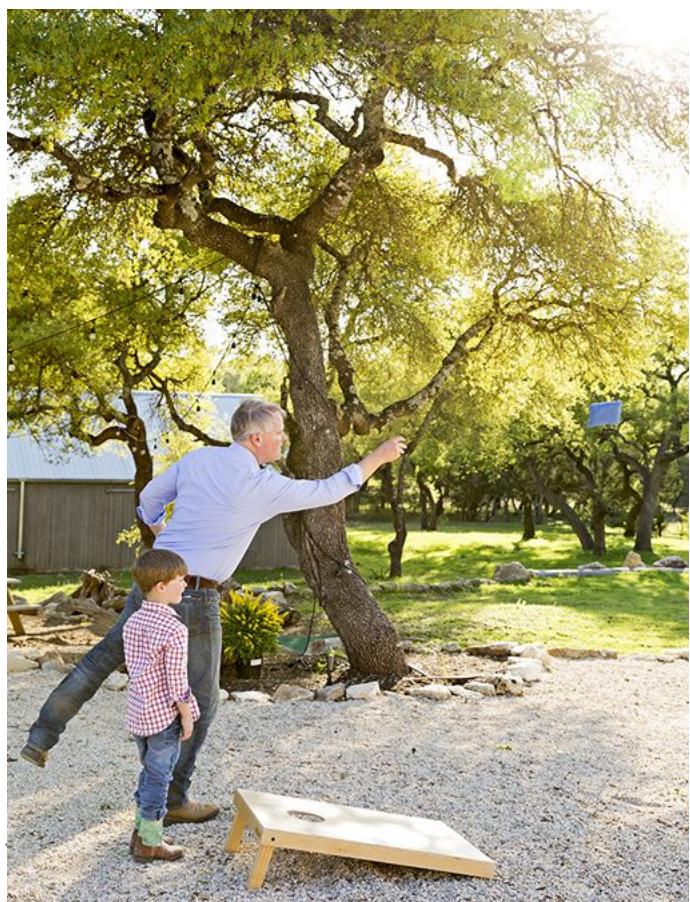
Porch

Texas heat is no joke—"The sun can really roast you," says Lisa—so it was important to have a deep covered outdoor "room" with comfortable seating (thosbaker.com) to provide relief. "Someone's always watching the kids in the pool while keeping an eye on a football game," says Lisa, whose family cheers for the Longhorns and the UVA Cavaliers.



IN WITH THE OLD

The chandelier is made from a vintage woven basket that Lisa found while antiquing in Round Top.



Backyard

With an abundance of little ones (up to five kids at any given time!), plenty of room for recreation was a priority. Here, Patrick, 6, engages in a friendly round of cornhole with his dad, Eric. Later, Patrick checks out a round of checkers between cousins Robert, 8, and Tucker, 9, at one of the three outdoor picnic tables (homedepot.com). No cause for concern: The happy hour beverage of choice is IBC Root Beer.

A gooseneck light (barnlightelectric.com) provides a permanent pop of sunshine.



Bunk Room & Bath

"The sky is darker out here in the country," says Lisa. "The kids are so tired by the day's end—they basically sleep where they fall." Most nights, that's on custom-made bunk beds with striped bedding (potterybarnkids.com) inspired by the University of Texas's iconic burnt orange. Awash in blues and yellows, the bunk-room bath is equally light and bright with its bold mirror (serenaandlily.com) and unforgettably sunny sink (build.com).



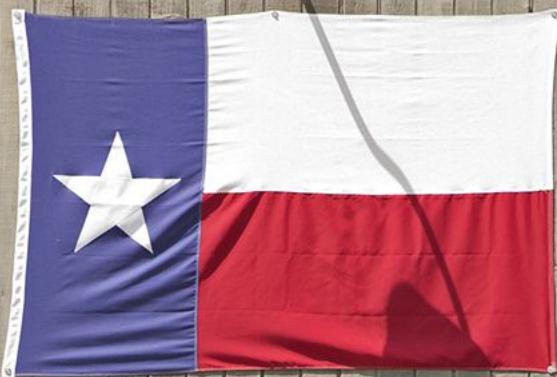
Guest Room

This colorful space shines bright thanks to a barn light (barnlightelectric.com), blue striped bedding (overstock.com), and punchy coral pillows (johnrobshaw.com). An antique pine washstand with a marble top serves as a stately nightstand. A small iron-stone pitcher is the perfect vessel for the wildflowers scattered around the property's 12 acres.



Barn

In addition to the unfinished warehouse, which became the main house, Lisa says the property came with a "mess of a barn." Her father restored it and now it's home to eight stalls, a tack room, and a feed room that caters to her mother's horse, BB (shown here with Boone, 11), and partner-in-crime Smokey, who is adored by Margaret, 5.



Rescue horse BB stops to greet the property's doting visitors.

UP NEXT:
Utah



LOCATION: Park City

MEET THE READER: Adrienne Stowell

DEER CROSSING: "I saw a version of this idea—a banquette sectional and a rustic dining table—in a California restaurant. It's the perfect space to enjoy a meal or warm drink, and our grandkids love to kneel on the banquette and gaze out the window at the deer."





Vermont

LOCATION: Vergennes

MEET THE READER: Patty Gibson

REC ROOM: "We call our lake house the 'Boathouse.' Even though it's not in or over the water, it's carefree and casual—cement floors, plenty of bike storage, Ping-Pong tables.... The post-and-beam construction mimics a Vermont barn, but with modern conveniences like heated floors and WiFi."



Virginia

LOCATION: Ashburn

MEET THE READER: Kate Davis

CHECK, PLEASE: "I liked this antique bed well enough, but it wasn't in keeping with the modern farmhouse aesthetic. The oversize black-and-white buffalo check on the wall is a total game-changer. Everybody thinks it's wallpaper, but the truth is, I painted it myself in just one afternoon."



Washington

LOCATION: Seattle

MEET THE READER: Cassandra LaVale

LOFTY INTENTIONS: "The main thing that drew me to my historical loft was the exposed brick. It's a fairly rare feature for Seattle. The open plan of the space was definitely a challenge, but I love living small. And all of the white and greenery help it feel like a sanctuary in the city."



West Virginia

LOCATION: Fairmont

MEET THE READER: Jenny Grissom

PIECE OF WORK: "I love to shop yard sales, and most of the items in my study were found on my treasure hunts. As a child, I loved playing 'secretary' and 'teacher,' so having pieces of vintage office and schoolhouse decor is fun and special to me."



Wisconsin

LOCATION: Egg Harbor

MEET THE READER: Laura Humber

ONE WITH NATURE: "We're 'cottage' people, and our home is a happy jumble of pieces from our lives—certainly not good for minimalists! It feels a little *Swiss Family Robinson* because we're situated in the treetops. We can even see Michigan from our 1,200 square feet of porch space!"



Wyoming

LOCATION: Wilson

MEET THE READER: Christine Reynolds

WEST IS BEST: "We're nestled in the Snake River Valley, so the location really influenced the room. We like regional artists and Native American artifacts. We find the West so inspiring, and it's the best place to be with our family and friends."



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Maryland

Old Bay Seasoning

WHY WE LOVE IT: Despite debuting in 1939 with a less catchy moniker—“Delicious Brand Shrimp and Crab Seasoning”—this herb and spice blend, later renamed after a Chesapeake Bay steamship line, is as much a Mid-Atlantic mainstay as crab cakes and football thanks to its seafood-friendly flavorings (mustard, paprika, and celery salt, to name a few).

North Carolina

Cheerwine Soft Drink

WHY WE LOVE IT: This fizzy cherry-flavored soda, which turns 100 this year, is the brainchild of Tar Heel State native L.D. Peeler, who bought the cherry flavoring from a St. Louis traveling salesman. The company is still family-owned in the same small town of Salisbury.

COUNTRY STORE

Sweet Heat Cheerwine Baby Back Ribs

MAKES 6 to 8 servings
PREP TIME 30 minutes
TOTAL TIME 3 hours, 30 minutes

2 teaspoons smoked paprika
2 teaspoons chili powder
2 teaspoons dry mustard
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon ground ginger
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 (3-pound) slabs baby back ribs
1 (12-ounce) bottle Cheerwine soft drink
1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
1/3 cup light brown sugar
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons chili-garlic sauce

1. Preheat oven to 325°F. Stir together paprika, chili powder, dry mustard, garlic powder, ginger, 4 teaspoons salt, and 2 teaspoons pepper in bowl. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons spice mixture over ribs, dividing evenly. Place ribs on a rimmed baking sheet; wrap tightly with aluminum foil. Bake until tender, 2 to 2 1/2 hours. Remove foil; rest 30 minutes.

2. Combine Cheerwine, tomato sauce, brown sugar, Dijon mustard, chili-garlic sauce, and 1 tablespoon spice mixture in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, until reduced to 2 cups, 25 to 30 minutes.

3. Heat grill to medium. Grill ribs, basting with 1 cup of the Cheerwine sauce and turning frequently, until lightly charred and lacquered, 10 to 15 minutes.

4. Transfer to a platter and serve with remaining Cheerwine sauce and spice mixture.

Old Bay French Fries

MAKES 6 servings
PREP TIME 25 minutes
TOTAL TIME 2 hours

3 russet potatoes (about 3 pounds), cut into 1/2-inch sticks
3 quarts peanut oil
2 teaspoons Old Bay Seasoning
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper



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1. Cover potatoes with cold water and let stand at least 30 minutes and up to 1 hour.
2. Fit a rimmed baking sheet with a wire rack. Heat oil in a large Dutch oven, fitted with a deep-fry thermometer, over medium-high heat to 325°F. Drain potatoes and pat dry. Cook, in 3 batches, until light golden brown, 7 to 9 minutes. Use a slotted spoon or spider to transfer potatoes, gently shaking off excess oil, to the prepared pan.
3. Raise heat to high to increase oil temperature to 400°F. Cook potatoes again, in 3 batches, until deep golden brown, 1 to 2 minutes. Use a slotted spoon or spider to transfer potatoes, gently shaking off excess oil, to the prepared pan. Season with Old Bay, salt, and pepper. (Keep batches warm in a 200°F oven, if desired.)
4. Serve immediately.

Hatch Pineapple Salsa

MAKES $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups
PREP TIME 10 minutes
TOTAL TIME 10 minutes

Serve on grilled hot dogs with cooked bacon and melted pepper Jack cheese.

Toss together 1½ cups finely chopped **fresh pineapple**, 2 (4-oz.) cans well drained **diced Hatch Chiles**, ¼ cup each finely chopped **red onion** and **fresh cilantro**, 1 to 2 seeded and minced **Fresno chiles**, and 2 Tbsp. **fresh lime juice**. Season with **kosher salt** and freshly ground **black pepper**.

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Pennsylvania

Utz Potato Chips

WHY WE LOVE IT:

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Creamy Tabasco Dressing

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Louisiana

Tabasco Hot Sauce

WHY WE LOVE IT: Avery Island's Edmund McIlhenny planted a few seeds in the 1860s and was delighted by the spicy peppers that he eventually used to make his sauce. Today, the company is still run by his direct descendant.





California

Anchor Steam Beer

WHY WE LOVE IT: A pioneer in the craft-brewing movement, the San Francisco-based, amber-hued Anchor Steam dates back to the California gold rush and has survived earthquakes, fires, Prohibition, and mass-produced competition.

Dijon mustard: 1 minced scallion; and 1 finely chopped small garlic clove. Season with kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Anchor Steam Mac and Cheese

MAKES 8 servings

PREP TIME 20 minutes

TOTAL TIME 45 minutes

1 (16-ounce) package
short pasta

1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted
butter

1 shallot, chopped

1 garlic clove, chopped

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon cayenne
pepper

1 cup Anchor Steam Beer

2 cups half-and-half

2 teaspoons Dijon
mustard

8 ounces Havarti cheese,
grated (about 2 cups)

8 ounces extra-sharp
Cheddar cheese, grated
(about 2 cups), divided

Kosher salt and freshly ground
black pepper

1. Cook pasta according to package directions until al dente. Drain.

2. Preheat oven to 425°F. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add shallot and garlic and cook until golden, 2 to 4 minutes. Whisk in flour and cayenne pepper and cook 1 minute. Gradually whisk in beer and cook 1 minute. Whisk in half-and-half and mustard. Bring to a boil and cook until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Reduce heat to low and simmer, whisking occasionally, 5 minutes.

3. Remove from heat and whisk in Havarti and 1 cup of Cheddar until smooth. Season with salt and black pepper. Fold in pasta. Transfer mixture to a 3-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining Cheddar. Bake until golden brown, 15 to 20 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Utz Baked Fish Fillets

MAKES 6 servings

PREP TIME 15 minutes

TOTAL TIME 35 minutes

Cooking spray

1/4 cup sour cream

2 tablespoons finely
chopped fresh
flat-leaf parsley, plus
more for serving

1 garlic clove, finely
chopped

1 tablespoon lemon zest

6 (6-ounce) halibut fillets

Kosher salt and freshly
ground black pepper

1 cup finely crushed
Utz Potato Chips

Lemon wedges, for serving

1. Preheat oven to 425°F. Set a wire rack in a rimmed baking sheet; lightly grease rack. Stir together sour cream, parsley, garlic, and lemon zest in a bowl.

2. Season both sides of fish with salt and pepper. Arrange fish on prepared rack. Spread sour cream mixture on top of fish, dividing evenly. Top with chips, dividing evenly, pressing lightly to adhere. Bake until chips are golden brown and fish flakes easily

with a fork, 18 to 20 minutes.

3. Garnish with parsley and serve with lemon wedges.

Creamy Tabasco Dressing

MAKES 1 1/2 cups

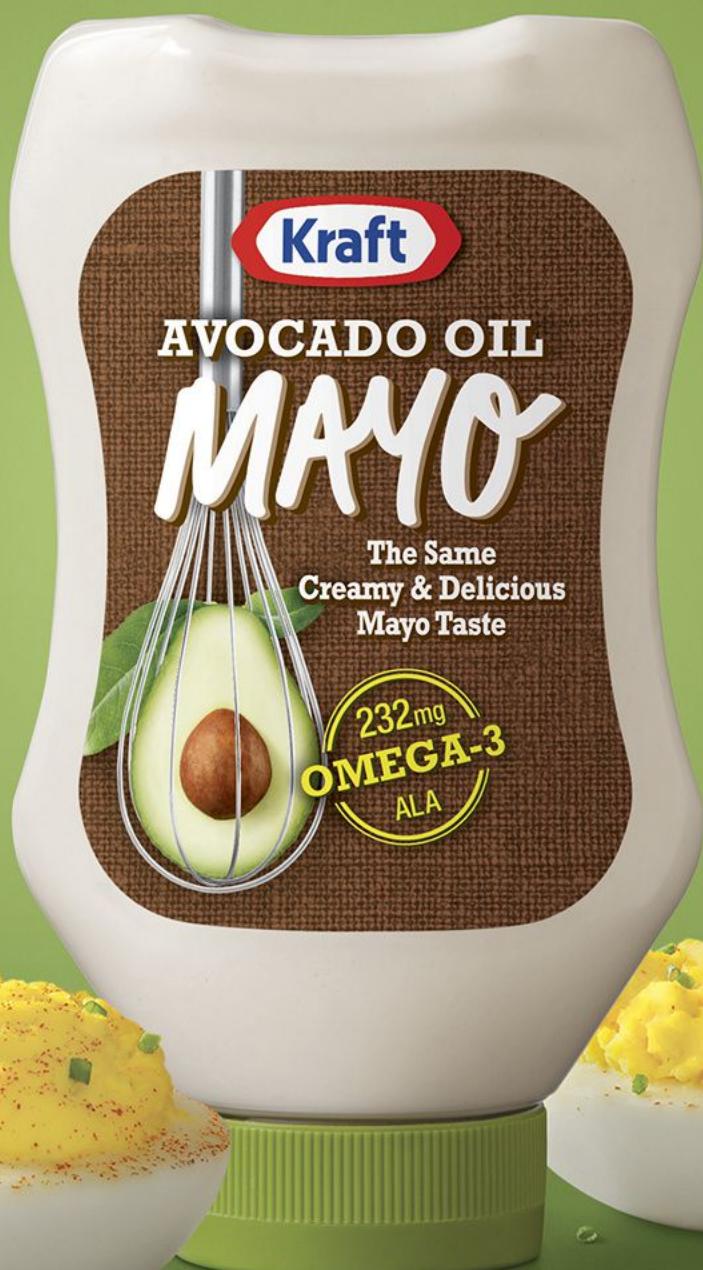
PREP TIME 5 minutes

TOTAL TIME 5 minutes

Serve on sliced tomatoes, your favorite salad, or as a dip for chicken fingers.

Stir together 1 cup **mayonnaise**; 1/3 cup **butter-milk**; 1 Tbsp. each **ketchup**, **apple cider vinegar**, and **Tabasco**; 2 tsp. **whole-grain**

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Duke's Lemon Drop Sheet Cake
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WHY WE LOVE IT: Eugenia Duke's Greenville-based business began 100 years ago when she served 10-cent chicken salad sandwiches, infused with her tangy concoction, to soldiers at Camp Sevier. Eugenia made 2 cents on each one. She later sold the business to family-owned company C.F. Sauer.



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WHY WE LOVE IT: Introduced in 1930 in Chelsea by Mabel White Holmes, the first baking mix was marketed as "so easy even a man could do it." These days, the company is run by Mabel's grandson, former race car driver Howdy Holmes.

Duke's Lemon Drop Sheet Cake

MAKES 12 servings

PREP TIME 25 minutes

TOTAL TIME 2 hours

Cooking spray

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled, plus more for pan

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/2 cup lemonade

2 tablespoons lemon zest, plus more for garnish, plus **1/2 cup** lemon juice

1 1/4 cups granulated sugar

3 large eggs

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

3/4 cup Duke's mayonnaise

Lemon Cream Cheese Frosting

Crushed lemon drop candies, for garnish

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly grease and flour a

9-by-13-inch baking pan. Whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a bowl. Combine lemonade, lemon zest, and juice in a separate bowl.

2. Beat sugar, eggs, and vanilla on medium-high speed with an electric mixer until mixture is very light and ribbons form when beater is lifted, 2 to 4 minutes. Reduce speed to low, add mayonnaise, and beat just until combined. Beat in flour mixture and lemonade mixture alternately, beginning and ending with flour mixture, just until incorporated. Transfer to prepared pan.

3. Bake until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, 32 to 35 minutes. Cool completely on a wire rack.

4. Transfer to a serving platter and frost with Lemon Cream Cheese Frosting. Garnish with lemon zest and lemon drop candies.

Lemon Cream Cheese Frosting

Frosting: Beat 6 oz. **cream cheese** and **1/4 cup unsalted butter** (both at room temperature) on medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy and smooth, 1 to 2 mins. Gradually add **3 cups confectioners' sugar**, **1 Tbsp. lemon zest**, **2 Tbsp. lemon juice**, and **1/4 teaspoon kosher salt**, beating until light and fluffy, 1 to 2 minutes. Makes **1 3/4 cups**.

Cracker Jack & Pretzel Treats

MAKES 15 servings

PREP TIME 20 minutes

TOTAL TIME 2 hours, 20 minutes

3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) **unsalted butter**, plus more for pan

1 (16-ounce) bag **marshmallows**

7 cups **Cracker Jacks**

4 cups **coarsely chopped salted mini pretzels**

1 cup **cocktail peanuts**

3/4 cup **kosher salt**

1. Butter a 13-by-9-inch baking pan.

2. Melt butter in a large Dutch oven over medium heat. Cook, stirring frequently, until browned and fragrant, 4 to 6 minutes.

3. Remove from heat and stir in marshmallows until melted. Fold in Cracker Jacks, pretzels, peanuts, and salt until coated. Transfer mixture to the prepared pan and press into an even layer; cool completely. Cut into 15 squares.

Jiffy Mixed Berry Cornmeal Cobbler

MAKES 8 servings

PREP TIME 15 minutes

TOTAL TIME 50 minutes

6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) **cold unsalted butter**, cut into pieces, plus more for pans

8 cups **assorted berries** (such as strawberries, blueberries, and blackberries)

2/3 cup **sugar**

1/4 cup **all-purpose flour**, spooned and leveled

2 tablespoons **fresh lemon juice**

2 teaspoons **pure vanilla extract**

1 (8.5-ounce) box **Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix**

1/2 cup **chopped pecans**

1 large egg, beaten

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Butter 8 (5-inch) cast-iron skillets. Arrange on a rimmed baking sheet lined with aluminum foil.

2. Toss together berries, sugar, flour, lemon juice, and vanilla in a bowl. Transfer to prepared skillets, dividing evenly.

3. Cut butter into corn muffin mix until crumbly. Stir in pecans. Stir in egg with a fork until combined but still crumbly. Sprinkle mixture over berries, dividing evenly. Bake until fruit is bubbly and crust is golden brown, 20 to 24 minutes. Cool 10 minutes.

4. Serve warm or at room temperature.



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Blue Bell Ice Cream Bombe

MAKES 12 servings

PREP TIME 25 minutes

TOTAL TIME 1 day

1. Line a 3-quart metal mixing bowl with plastic wrap, leaving a 2-inch overhang all

around; freeze 10 minutes. Mash 5 to 6 cups Blue Bell **strawberry ice cream** until just spreadable. Using a rubber spatula, coat inside of prepared bowl with ice cream, making a thick, even layer. Freeze 2 hours. Repeat procedure with

4 to 5 cups Blue Bell **chocolate-chip ice cream** and again with 3 to 4 cups Blue Bell **pistachio-almond ice cream**, freezing between each layer. Fill remaining space with 2 cups Blue Bell **Dutch chocolate ice cream**. Cover with plastic wrap

and freeze until completely hardened, at least 8 hours.

2. To serve, invert bowl onto a serving plate. Remove bowl and plastic wrap. Press **white sprinkles** evenly over surface. Return to freezer or serve immediately.



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